

Drinking and driving is a serious problem. In Ontario, impaired drivers cause thousands of traffic crashes every year. Drinking drivers are responsible for one-quarter of all people killed on Ontario roads. Drinking and driving hurts us all - through deaths, injuries and personal tragedies, in addition to costs for health care, emergency response and property damage.

Every year, more than 35,000 drivers are under suspension for *Criminal Code* convictions in Ontario. It is estimated that 85% of those convictions are related to drinking and driving.

*In addition to drinking and driving, *Criminal Code* convictions include criminal negligence causing bodily harm or death, manslaughter, dangerous driving and failure to remain at the scene of a collision.

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IMPAIRED DRIVING CONSEQUENCES

On-The-Spot Licence Suspension

Drivers who provide a sample over the legal limit (.08) or refuse a breath test will have their driver's licence suspended immediately for 90 days under the Administrative Driver's Licence Suspension (ADLS) Program.

An impaired driving conviction under the *Criminal Code* results in a suspension under the *Highway Traffic Act*. The following chart shows the minimum penalties and consequences.

	Consequences under the <i>Highway Traffic Act</i>	Minimum Penalties under the <i>Criminal Code</i>
First Offence	1 year licence suspension* Remedial measures requirement	3 month driving prohibition \$300 fine
Second Offence	3 year licence suspension* Remedial measures requirement	6 month driving prohibition \$300 fine 14 day jail sentence
Third Offence	Lifetime licence suspension* (reducible to 10 years if certain conditions are met)	1 year driving prohibition \$300 fine 90 day jail sentence
Fourth and Subsequent Offence	Lifetime licence suspension*	Same as third offence

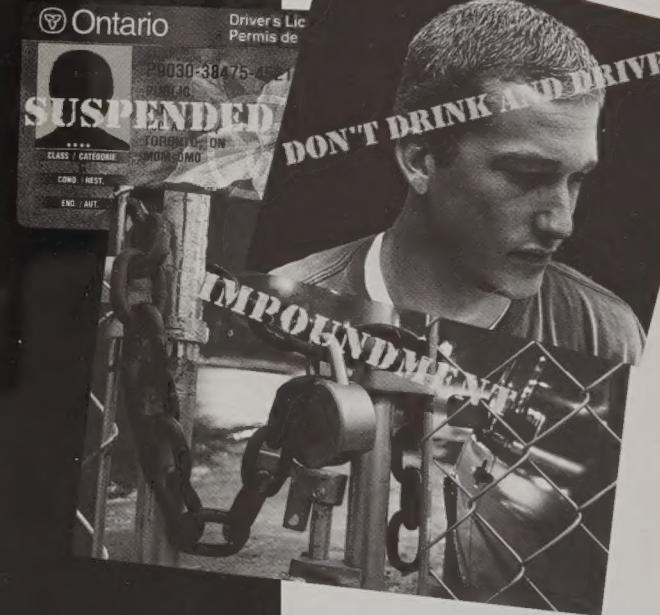
*DRIVERS WHO ARE CAUGHT DRIVING WHILE THEIR LICENCE IS SUSPENDED FOR A *Criminal Code* CONVICTION WILL HAVE THE VEHICLE THEY ARE DRIVING IMPOUNDED AND FACE FINES FROM \$5,000 - \$50,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 1-800-268-4686
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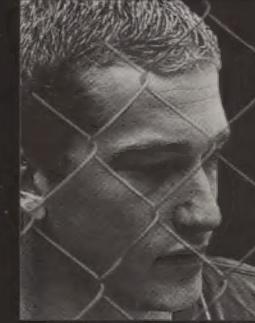
Road Safety

It starts with you

Ontario is cracking down on some of the worst offenders on our roads - drinking drivers and drivers suspended for *Criminal Code* convictions.* These drivers put others at risk and will be held more accountable and responsible for their actions.

Ontario is taking action with the introduction of **TOUGH** new measures:

- ✓ STIFFER FINES
- ✓ LONGER SUSPENSION PERIODS
- ✓ ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS
- ✓ VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT



MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF DRINKING DRIVERS ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS AND MOST DRINKING DRIVERS KILLED IN CRASHES HAD BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVELS ALMOST DOUBLE THE LEGAL LIMIT.

Education and Treatment Programs

Effective September 30, 1998, drinking drivers will be required to take more responsibility for their actions. They will have to get their drinking problem under control if they want their licence back.

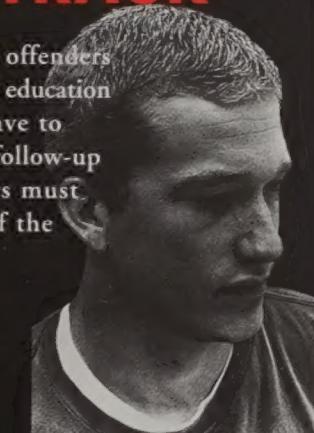
They must successfully complete Ontario's remedial measures program before their licence can be reinstated. Participants must pay a fee of \$475 (plus GST) to cover the cost of the program which consists of three phases:

1. **Assessment:** Determines the extent of the drinking and driving problem and whether an education or treatment program is most appropriate.
2. **Education or Treatment Program:** Driver must successfully complete the appropriate program aimed at preventing drinking and driving. These programs focus on how alcohol affects driving performance, the consequences of impaired driving and ways to avoid drinking and driving.
3. **Follow-up Interview:** Arranged by the participant six months after program completion to revisit the skills obtained and goals set during the program.

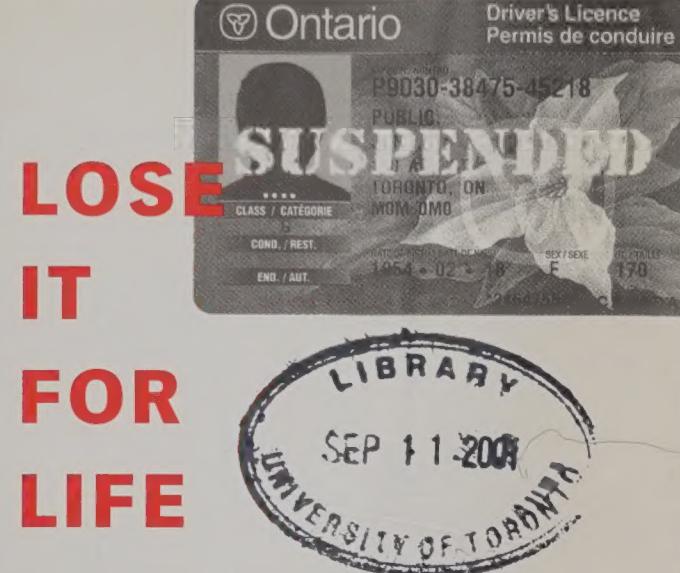
BACK ON TRACK

Until October 1, 2000, first offenders will be referred directly to the education program. They will not have to complete the assessment or follow-up interview. Repeat offenders must complete all components of the program.

To register, please call
1-888-814-5831
or (416) 595-6593.



In addition, driving-related *Criminal Code* convictions remain on a driver's record for at least 10 years. Drivers must be conviction free for 10 years before they will be considered to have a clean driving record. This applies to convictions since September 30, 1993.



Longer Suspension Periods for Repeat Offenders

Effective September 30, 1998, drivers who offend and are convicted of *Criminal Code* driving-related offences will lose their driving privileges for:

- One year on a first conviction;
- Three years on a second conviction;
- Lifetime suspension on a third conviction which can be reduced to 10 years if certain conditions are met; and
- Lifetime suspension on a fourth conviction with no possibility of ever having an Ontario driver's licence again.

Driving Under Suspension

Effective November 1998, those drivers who continue to ignore the law and drive while their licence is suspended for a *Criminal Code* conviction will face tougher penalties.

Vehicle Impoundment

Upon implementation of Ontario's vehicle impoundment program, drivers who are caught driving while their licence is suspended for a *Criminal Code* conviction will have the vehicle they are driving impounded for a minimum of 45 days.



BE RESPONSIBLE

Vehicle owners must be more responsible in determining whether a driver has a valid licence before they loan their vehicle. Regardless of whether the vehicle is rented, leased or loaned to a friend or family member, the vehicle will be impounded. The vehicle owner will be liable for all towing and impoundment costs.

YOU PAY THE PRICE

Stiffer Fines

Effective November 30, 1998, drivers who are convicted of driving while their licence is suspended for a *Criminal Code* conviction will face higher fines under the *Highway Traffic Act* that range from:

- \$5,000 - \$25,000 for the first conviction
- \$10,000 - \$50,000 for subsequent convictions

Reinstatement Fee

Suspended drivers must pay \$100 to have their licences reinstated. This fee does not apply to medical suspensions or Administrative Driver's Licence Suspensions.

Zero Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) for New Drivers

Drivers in the Graduated Licensing System must maintain zero BAC while driving. If they breach this condition, they face a 30-day licence suspension and must pay a fine.

REMEMBER THAT ALL ALCOHOL IS CREATED EQUAL.

THESE STANDARD SERVING AMOUNTS OF ALCOHOL ARE EQUIVALENT:

BEER	(5% ALC./VOL.)	12 oz.
WINE	(12% ALC./VOL.)	5 oz.
SPIRITS	(40% ALC./VOL.)	1.5 oz.